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Child Support Services

Phyllis Gilmore, Secretary

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CSS Incentives to Reduce State Owed Arrears

If a child is not residing with both parents and is receiving cash assistance, food assistance, child care assistance, and/or placed in foster care, a child support case is opened through Kansas Child Support Services. If a child support order does not already exist for the parent that does not reside with the child (non-custodial parent), Kansas Child Support Service will try to establish a child support order against the non-custodial parent. Kansas Child Support Services may also request to be reimbursed for monies paid out for the child (i.e. cash assistance, birthing expenses, and foster care) which is called a judgment.

If a child is receiving cash assistance or is in foster care, the monthly current support obligation is assigned to the State of Kansas. If the non-custodial parent has a judgment and/or does not pay the monthly current support obligation, the non-custodial parent will then have arrears or back child support owed. If the child was on cash assistance or in foster care, the arrears are assigned to the State of Kansas. If the child is not receiving cash assistance nor in foster care the arrears are assigned to the custodial parent. Kansas Child Support Services does not have the authority to reduce arrears owed to the custodial parent.

The Kansas Child Support Services will give an adjustment towards State arrears for the following incentives:

1. Completion of GED or High School Diploma; Tech Ed/Vocational Training; Two year degree; Bachelors; Culinary certificate; Certified Nurse's Aide; College Degree
2. Child Support Savings Initiative (aka 529 Program)
3. Classes

G.E.D. Incentive/Certificates

Kansas Child Support Services will give \$1000 adjustment towards State arrears for non-custodial parents who obtain their G.E.D. or High School Diploma after November 1, 2012. In addition, the same amount of adjustment can be applied if the non-custodial parent receives certain types of certificates. For Tech Ed/Vocational Training, the adjustment off State arrears will be \$1,500 and for a college degree will be \$2,000. A copy of the diploma/certificate will need to be provided to CSS.

Additional certificates approved:

Certificate of Occupational Competency in Computer Systems and Informational Technology - \$750

Washburn Tech (WTI) Certificate (offered at Topeka Correctional Facility) - \$1500

NCCER Carpentry Level One: Fundamentals - \$1500

Strong Families Make A Strong Kansas

Manufacturing Skills Certificate (offered at Larned Correctional Facility through Barton Community College) - \$400 (for completion of the 8 hr course)

Child Support Savings Initiative

Kansas Child Support Services will give an adjustment of \$2.00 towards State arrears for every \$1.00 that is paid into the Child Support Services 529 savings account as long as the full monthly current support and at least \$1.00 towards arrears is received at the Kansas Payment Center the same month as the deposit into the 529 savings account. All child support payments are made through the Kansas Payment Center.

For more information

(888) 632-7758

cssinfo@dcf.ks.gov

<http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/CSS/Pages/529.aspx>

Classes

Kansas Child Support Services will give an adjustment of \$50/hour for the first 15 hours and then \$25/hour for a max of (\$2000) towards State Arrears. Classes must be pre-approved with agendas, timeframes, and particular information provided. Here is our current class list:

Approved Financial Counseling:

Consumer Credit Counseling Services, Inc. <http://www.kscacs.org/>

Salina, Kelly O'Malia, (316) 660-4875

Wichita, Kelly O'Malia, (316) 660-4875

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home/>

FDIC- Financial Money Smart Information (TCF)

Approved Parenting Classes:

Nurturing Parenting (Smart Start NW Kansas), Denise Singer (785) 465-9103/email: ssnwks@st-tel.net

NET Reach (Topeka) <http://netreachtopeka.org/>

Kansas Intensive Permanency Project (KIPP), St. Francis Community Services and/or Kaw Valley Health Systems

Basic Parenting (Pawnee Mental Health-Manhattan) www.pawnee.org, (785) 587-4350

Approved Fatherhood Classes:

Deliberately Different Fatherhood Class (SG County), Kelly O'Malia, (316) 660-4875

Brothers to Brothers (KC), KCK Parole Officer Dal Overton, (913) 621-1830 x 231

Quenching the Father Thirst (KC) www.fathers.com email: strongdads@fathers.com

Quenching the Father Thirst (Wichita), Phillip Robinson, (316) 258-1680, philliprobinson1@yahoo.com

Made Men (KC) <https://www.facebook.com/mademenincorp>

Approved Workforce Classes:

Connections to Success (KC) www.connectionstosuccess.org, (816) 561-5115

In addition to the participation group, Kansas Child Support Services will give a \$50 adjustment off State arrears for non-custodial parents who attend the Connections to Success *informational* meeting.

Work for Success

Wichita: Ishaku Maikori, (316) 685-1821ext 492

Topeka: Mirrors Inc., Deb Dolsky, (785) 246-5737

Dodge City/Garden City: Catholic Social Service, Brooke Hamlin-Lopez, (620) 272-0010

Salina: Workforce One, Elizabeth Allan, (620) 665-3559

Workforce Center (South Central), Kelly O'Malia, (316) 660-4875

Must have referral from 18TH JD Court Trustee's Office

Project 17, Heather Morgan, (785) 323-7001, www.twsproject17.org

Miami, Linn, Bourbon, Crawford, Cherokee, Franklin, Anderson, Allen, Neosho, Labette, Coffey, Woodson, Wilson, Montgomery, Greenwood, Elk, Chautauqua counties

Circles of McPherson County, Rebecca Lewis, (620) 755-8092, <http://circlesmcpherson.org/>

Approved MISC Classes:

New Beginnings: This program involves people living in transitional housing and it is requested that they do not work while participating in the year long program. If case is for arrears only, non-custodial parents can pay \$1 month (if arrears only case) to the Kansas Payment Center while living and participating in the program. In addition, if the non-custodial parent participates in the 4 modules (each module lasts 3 months), \$500 of state arrears will be written off per completion of each module (max \$2000). Hutchinson, KS, (620) 669-0904, <http://newbeginnings-inc.org/>

Aramark, ServSafe Employee Food Safety Training (TCF)

For questions regarding the incentive programs or about your Kansas child support case, contact Child Support Services at 888-757-2445.